

REMARKS

In the Drawings:

The Examiner objected to Figure 3 of the drawings for as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5). A corrected drawing sheet of Figure 3 is attached to this paper. Applicants therefore request that this objection be withdrawn.

In the Claims:

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the prior art in view of Davis. The Examiner also indicated that claims 2-4 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten claim 1 so that it includes all of the limitations of claim 2 and has cancelled claim 2. Therefore, Applicants respectfully state that, as indicated by the Examiner, claim 1 is now allowable in present form. Claims 3 and 4 depend from claim 1 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Withdrawal of this rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

SUMMARY

Pending Claims 1, 3 and 4 as amended are patentable. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner grant early allowance of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorneys for the Applicants via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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